

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



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St Therese of Lisieux Church

In the care of Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC)

Sunday, 31st March, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

FROM THE PASTOR

BUT WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?

Most of us have been raised to believe that we have right to possess whatever comes to us honestly, either through our own work or through legitimate inheritance. No matter how large that wealth might be, it's ours, as long as we didn't cheat anyone along the way. By and large, this belief has been enshrined in the laws of our democratic countries and we generally believe that it is morally sanctioned by Christianity. That's partially true, but a lot needs to be nuanced here.

This is not really the view of our Christian scriptures, nor of the social teachings of the Catholic Church. Not everything we acquire honestly through our own hard work is simply ours to have. We're not islands and we don't walk through life alone, as if being solicitous for the welfare of others is something that's morally optional. The French poet and essayist, Charles Peguy, once suggested that when we come to the gates of heaven we will all be asked: "*Mais ou sont les autres?*" ("But where are the others?") That question issues forth both from our humanity and our faith. *But what about the others?* It's an illusion and a fault in our discipleship to think that everything we can possess by our own hard work is ours by right. To think this way is to live the partially examined life.

Bill Gates Sr., writing in *Sojourners* some fifteen years ago, challenges not only his famous son but the rest of us too with these words: "Society has an enormous claim upon the fortunes of the wealthy. This is rooted not only in most religious traditions, but also in an honest accounting of society's substantial investment in creating fertile ground for wealth-creation. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all affirm the right of individual ownership and private property, but there are moral limits imposed on absolute private ownership of wealth and property. Each tradition affirms that we are not individuals alone but exist in community – a community that makes claims on us. The notion that 'it is all mine' is a violation of these teachings and traditions." Society's claim on individual accumulated wealth "is rooted in the recognition of society's direct and indirect investment in the individual's success. In other words, we didn't get there on our own." (*Sojourners*, Jan-Feb., 2003)

Nobody gets there on his own and so, once there, he needs to recognize that what he has accumulated is the result not just of his own work but also of the infrastructure of the whole society within which he lives. Accordingly, what he has accumulated is not fully his, as if his own hard work alone had brought this about.

FROM THE PASTOR

Beyond that, there's something else which Benjamin Hales calls "the veil of opulence" which lets us naively believe that each of us deserves everything we get. No so, says Hales. A lot of blind luck is involved in determining who gets to possess what: "The veil of opulence", he says, "insists that people imagine that resources and opportunities and talents are freely available to all, that such goods are widely abundant, that there is no element of randomness or chance that may negatively impact those who struggle to succeed but sadly fail through no fault of their own. ... It turns a blind eye to the adversity that some people, let's face it, are born into. By insisting that we consider public policy from the perspective of the most-advantaged, the veil of opulence obscures the vagaries of brute luck. But wait, you may be thinking, what of merit? What of all those who have laboured and toiled and pulled themselves up by their bootstraps to make their lives better for themselves and their families? This is an important question indeed. Many people work hard for their money and deserve to keep what they earn. An answer is offered by both doctrines of fairness. The veil of opulence assumes that the playing field is level, that all gains are fairly gotten, that there is no cosmic adversity. In doing so, it is partial to the fortunate. ... It is an illusion of prosperity to believe that each of us deserves everything we get." (*New York Times, August 12, 2012*)

Scripture and the Catholic social teaching would summarize it this way: God intended the earth and everything in it for the sake of all human beings. Thus, in justice, created goods should flow fairly to all. All other rights are subordinated to this principle. We do have a right to private ownership and no one may ever deny us of this right, but that right is subordinated to the common good, to the fact that goods are intended for everyone. Wealth and possessions must be understood as ours to steward rather than to possess absolutely. Finally, perhaps most challenging of all, no person may have surplus if others do not have the basic necessities. In any accumulation of wealth and possessions we have to perennially face the question: "*Mais ou sont les autres?*"

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Fr Mark Hanns MSC



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NOTICES

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CONFIRMATION

Sacramental preparation for Confirmation will commence shortly. Please pray for our Parish children who are preparing for Confirmation on Sunday, 2nd June 2019 at 9:00am. The dates for preparation meetings are:

- **Meeting for Parents only** - Thursday, 2nd May in the Parish Centre at 7:00pm.
- **Presentation to the Parish** - Sunday, 5th May, Mass, 9:00am. Candidates will be presented with a crucifix to wear during the preparation time. This will be followed by the **First Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre.
- **Mass** Sunday, 12th May.
- **Presentation of Creed** - Sunday, 19th May, Mass, 9:00am. Candidates will be presented with the Creed during Mass. This will be followed by the **Second Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre.
- **Practice & Archbishop's Visit** - Thursday, 23rd May, 5:45pm, **Practice for Confirmation in Church**, for Parents, Candidates and Sponsors. **Visit of Archbishop Julian**, 6:30pm in Church, with Parents, Candidates and Sponsors.
- **Mass** - Sunday, 26th May, Mass, 9:00am. This will be followed by the **Third Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre.
- **Confirmation with Mass**, Saturday, 2nd June, at 9:00am, for Parents, Candidates, Sponsors and Family.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion boxes or Envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church.

FURTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR HEALING

Many of us may need an opportunity to air our feelings about what is occurring within and around our church. We recently held a forum and it was decided to hold a follow-up forum, on Thursday, 4th April at 7:00pm in the Community Room at the back of the Church. If numbers demand it we will move over to the School/Parish Hall.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CRAFT SHOP

The Catholic Women's League Craft shop has re-opened. The shop is located at 16 Criterion Street Hobart and is open from Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm. If you are looking for a unique gift, come and see what is available.

RENTAL NEEDED

House Rental needed for Catholic Refugee Family who are Humanitarian Entrants from Iraq via Lebanon (2 adults, 3 children aged 16+, 3 bedrooms), arriving 3 April. Short term rental, or long term. Contact Br Sean McManus 0417 136 640 or email seantmcmanus@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEERS ROSARY GARDEN KIOSK

Volunteers needed to help at Rosary Gardens Kiosk at St. John's Park. Hours are from 8am till 2pm and you will enjoy the company of other friendly workers. All profits go to assist the residents in the Home. If interested please contact Maria on 0416228772.

FR CHRIS HOPE 2019 PRESENTATION
“UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT FALL INTO
THE EARTH AND DIES”

The Presentation will be held on Monday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th May between 10:00am - 12:00noon. The content will be about The Passion Story which is the first part of the Gospel narrative to be formed. We will examine the accounts of the last days of Jesus in the Gospels, noting their similarities and differences and how they came to be incorporated into the texts we have today. The talks run over 4 weeks and will take place at Maryknoll Retreat Centre, 15 Home Avenue Blackmans Bay. For more information please contact Sr Margaret Henderson RSM on 0418 366 923. A donation of \$10 per session is recommended.



Hobart Haven is a regular Holy Hour which consists of silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music, prayers and reflection. It is a beautiful opportunity to simply get away from the busyness of everyday life and take some time out with Jesus. It will be held every **Wednesday night from 6-7pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart**. All young adults are welcome to attend the event.

13 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Fr Brian Nichols will be accompanying a Harvest Journeys tour of places of religious significance including Rome, Montecassino, Assisi, Siena, Florence and more. The tour departs on 13 May 2019. The cost per person will be in the range of \$5,000 to \$6,000. For full details, contact sandybay@aohtas.org.au.

ST THERESE'S CRAFT GROUP

The Craft group dates for remainder of 2019 are as follows:- 1st, 15th and 29th April and 13th and 27th May, 3rd and 17th June, 1st, 15th and 29th July, 12th and 26th August, 9th and 23rd September, 7th and 21st October, 4th and 19th November. All are welcome to come along. We meet in the Church Community Room at the rear of the Church.

EASTER EGGS?????

Pope Francis said “every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.”

It is estimated that up to 40 million people are trapped in slavery globally – 1 in 4 of these are children. They will never get an education and they will never taste the chocolate produced from the cocoa beans they pick. But people around the world are making decisions that could change this tragedy.

Good News: St Vincent's Health Australia is working towards slavery-free procurement of the goods and services used across their 32 sites.

Action: Buy only slavery-free Easter Eggs. They are delicious. They will feature one of these three logos.



<https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter/> for information and resources.



THE PRODIGAL SON

LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

This parable is Jesus' self-justification for hosting sinners and being prepared to have them eat at table with him. (vv 1-2)

Fathers were discouraged from dividing their property during their lifetime (Sirach 33:20-24). But if he did do so he was entitled to live off the proceeds while he was alive. The younger son virtually wished his father was dead when he asked for his inheritance in this way.

Most of us tend to identify with the younger son. We don't want to be caught up in his loose way of life. Yet we would like to follow his example and come to our senses. In that way we can come back to the Father with a sincere heart. This is the way the story has been told over the centuries. It has always been named "The Prodigal Son". That has concentrated our attention on this younger son. But what about the other two characters in the parable.

The older son's attitude towards his father gives us food for thought. Surely we see something of this in ourselves. We need to be honest in this. Yet as I reflect on this older son, I am also wondering if I have missed the point. I am that older son. I have remained at home with my Father and taken

his goodness for granted.

The central figure is the Father. "All I had learned about the Father's love had not fully enabled me to let go of an authority above me that had power over me and used it according to his will. Somehow, God's love for me was limited by my fear of God's power, and it seemed wise to keep a careful distance even though the desire for closeness was immense. ... The paralysing fear of God is one of the great human tragedies." (Henri Nouwen.)

Though I can identify with both the younger and the older sons, I am not to remain in any fixed spot – the young repentant brother or the cynical older brother. I must move to the final stage of my spiritual journey. I must become the Father. I must reflect his compassion, his pity - yes, his big heart.

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The Prodigal Son



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Laurence Freeman OSB

"Being Unity in a Divided World"

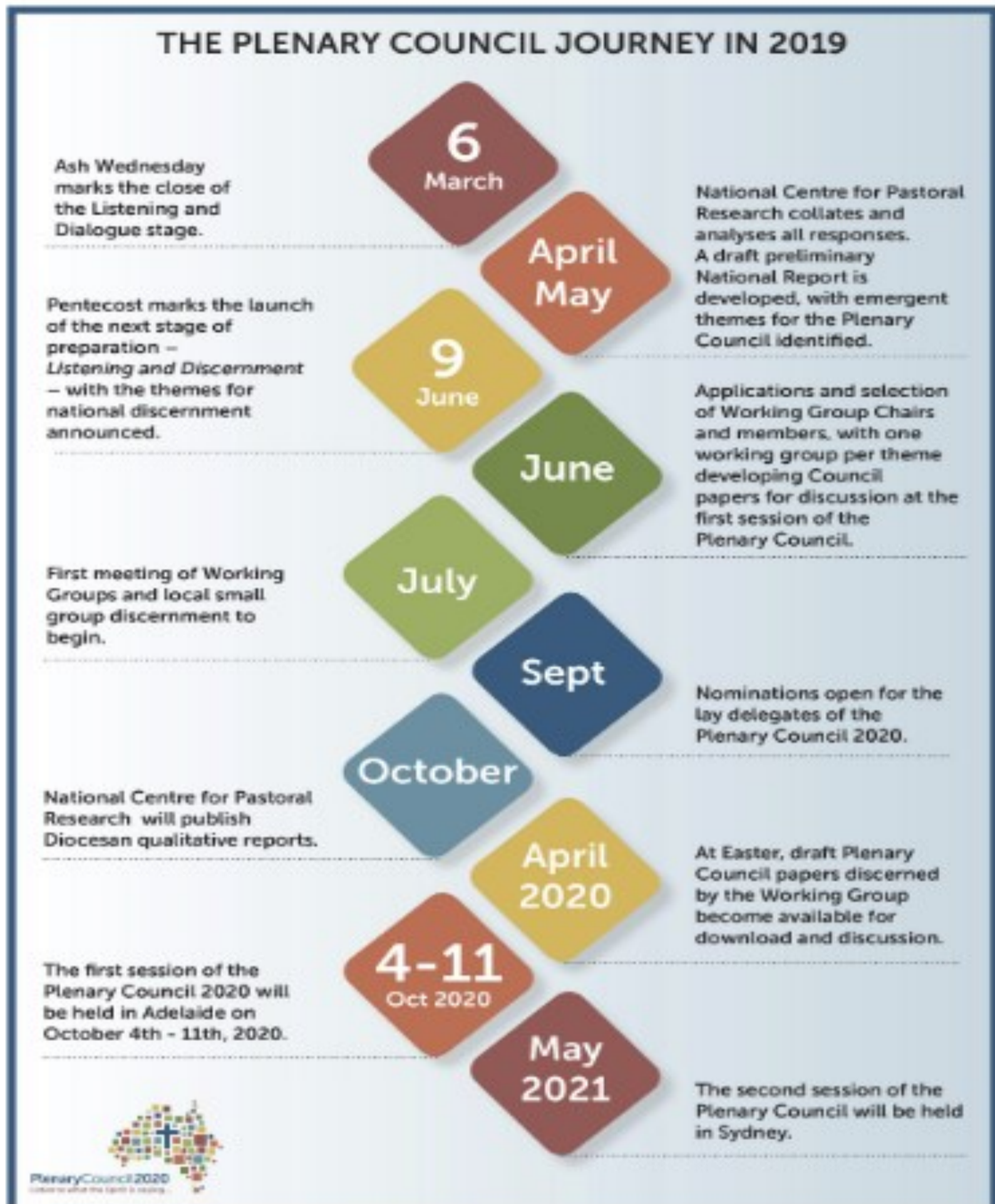
As the world seems to fracture and resort to violence as a way to resolve problems, the contemplative dimension of the church - and all religions - has never been more urgently needed. Community and solitude both nurture this dimension that offers the best hope we have to survive and flourish. The mystical tradition illuminates the discoveries of science and gives depth to the idea of progress. How does the 'ordinary meditator' - as we all are - serve this saving and healing work?

*More details to follow in 2019 at www.wccmaustralia.org.au
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**SAVE
THE
DATE!**



The Process From Here



STEWARDSHIP

“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.” (Joshua 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God’s blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,242.00

Loose: \$ 1,070.95

TOTAL: \$ 2,312.95

Week’s Budget Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

Loss \$ 225.05

Thank You!

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

Thanh Huynh, Shirley Lehner, Olga Woods,
Susan Wilson, Josh Stokes, Lise Levaque,
Mary Hughes, Drina Paradzik, Jay Jennings,
Tony Dalton, Elsa Bazan, Bev Murray,
Kayden Edwards, Marie Morrisby,
Lorna Brazendale, Leo Manning, Jan Grubb,
Felicity Matthews, Alicia Stroud,
Elsa Natoli, Peter van Loggerenberg.,
Joan Horne

Anniversaries

Leokadia Sadkowski,
Wladyslaw Osuckowski, Giuseppe Cugino,
Rex Graham Morrisby, Marjorie Williams,
Joanne Maree Read, Pauline,
Watts, Olga Hanns, Lawrence Triffett,
Frank Brown, John Skaraupa, Jan Cisak,
Wladyslaw Gniadek, Paul Krizanovic,
Bertram Williams, Mary Monaghan,
Aloisy Kempa, Bridget Beckwith,
William Clare, Lola Hutchinson OAM,
Belle Ayton, Kazimierz Jablonski,
Elizabeth Streat, Peter Hope, Zofia Cisak,
Harold Poulson, Thirza Beryl Barber,
Prudencia Gabriel Salas, Fr Norbert Earl,
Fr Bernard Balwin, Fr Frederick Morduant,
Fredrick Hoskins, Pater Weronika,
Klaus Joseph Goerss, Bernard Aitken,
Kazimieras Paschkewizschus,
Michalina Machnik, George McGuire,
Basilio Gabriel, Kathleen Brooks,
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Recently Deceased

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<https://hobart.catholic.org.au/content/safe-communities>

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PLENARY COUNCIL:

<http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

READINGS

30th/31st March, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling
breast.

FIRST READING: (Joshua 5:9-12)

The people of God went to the promised
land and there kept the passover.

PSALM: (Psalm 33:2-7)

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Psalm 33:2-7)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and
against you.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

Your brother here was dead and has come to
life.

MASS TIMES

Monday 1st to Sunday 7th April 2019

	English	Polish
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	No Mass	9:00am
Wednesday	12:00 noon	6:30pm
Thursday	9:15am	
Friday	12:00 noon	9:00am
Saturday	6:30pm	
Sunday	9:00am 4:30pm 5:45pm (Syro-Malabar)	10:45am

READINGS/ROSTERS

6th/7th April, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is
faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING: (Isaiah 43:16-21)

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to
my people.

PSALM: (Psalm 125)

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING: (Philippians 3:8-14)

Because of Christ I look upon everything else
as useless in order to gain him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Joel 2:12-13)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: (John 8:1-11)

Let the person without sin be the first to throw
a stone.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Ed Sianski, Shane Poulson
Ministers Debbie Large, Donna Bone
Projector Chris K

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Marie Anders, Silpa Cherpanath
Ministers Marty Ogle, Monica Sianski
Sick Monica Sianski
Projector Izak Hangan

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers Carlene Larkin,
Colleen Rakowski
Ministers Kerrie Morrisby, Cameron Brown
Projector Daniel Duharte
Altar Fran Smith
Cleaning Syro-Malabar Community
Counters Kaye Wood, Marie Anders